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Request for Public's Assistance

Hit and Run Fatality on State Route 202 Red Mountain Freeway, Milepost 9 Eastbound

The Arizona Department of Public Safety is requesting the assistance of the public to identify a hit and run vehicle and its driver, which struck and killed the operator of a tow truck.

On Wednesday evening, September 6, 2006, between the hours of 10:30 and 11:30 PM, on State Route 202, the Red Mountain Freeway eastbound near the area of McClintock and the entrance ramp for State Route 101 (Ramp 9A) southbound, the operator of a Shamrock Towing Company Recovery Truck was struck and killed by an unknown vehicle. This fatal collision occurred on the right side of the roadway, on the emergency lane.

The tow truck operator was in the process of securing a Mercedes Benz passenger vehicle to be towed and was standing next to the driver's side of the vehicle, when he was struck by the unknown vehicle. The tow truck had its yellow emergency lights activated (flashing) along with the rollback rear deck loading lights were on. The name of the tow operator is being withheld at this time.

The Department of Public Safety is requesting anyone with information to call **(602) 223-2212**, that may have passed through the area at the time of the fatal collision and noticed any vehicle that may have swerved in some format, near the area of the tow truck.

Additionally, the hit and run vehicle should have extensive damage to the right front section and or the right side of the vehicle from impacting the tow truck operator. If anyone notices any vehicle fitting this description to please call **(602) 223-2212**.

Information can be provided anonymously